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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY ESTABLISHING MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS

A system and method for establishing multiple connections using a private data field of a communication management protocol is provided. With the present invention, a Service ID identifies a specific consumer and the private data field contains a list of connection attributes for each connection that is to be established. An active side requests a connection and the passive side replies to the connection request. The active side sends the passive side a connection establishment request. This connection establishment request includes a Service ID which identifies a passive side process associated with a service. This connection establishment request also includes communication attributes of one or more connected services and datagram services associated with the Service ID. The passive passes the connection request to a process associated with the service. If the passive side process does not wish to carry out the service, a negative reply message is returned to the active side. If the passive side process does wish to carry out the service, a positive reply is returned to the active side and the reply includes the communication attributes for the connection and unreliable services associated with the Service ID used in the connection establishment request.